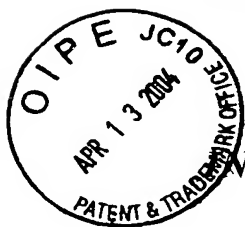


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time to file his amendment and response thereto. Our check in the amount of \$110 is enclosed in payment of the one-month extension fee. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.